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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, applicants hereby petition that the period for replying to the Notice of Appeal, filed on November 27, 2002, be extended for five months to and including June 27, 2003.

Enclosed is a check for \$985.00 for the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). If there are any other charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

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